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Have you seen this  
Getting interesting and the sheriff is technically correct

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**Subject:** MSA press conference/MCPA participation?

MCPA Exec Committee Members -

The MSA is trying to pull together a press conference today for 3 pm re: the use of deputies in the Standing Rock Protest.

If you haven't seen the latest news, here are a couple of links.

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/10/31/after-protest-hennepin-co-sheriffs-staff-leave-standing-rock-protest>

<http://www.kare11.com/news/local/mn-deputies-leave-pipeline-protest/345227176>

Jim Franklin tells me the talking points for the press conference will be:

- Trying to focus on History of EMAC
- LE cooperation at times of all kinds of emergencies
- LE responsibility to preserve public safety and follow the rule of law
- Negative effects of politicizing emergency response etc

Attached is a letter from legislators to Sheriff Stanek, a letter from Sheriff Stanek to legislators and the Facebook post from the Lt. Governor that started much of this. Also, pasted below is an email from Jim to Sheriffs on the topic.

**The MSA is asking whether the MCPA would like to participate in the press conference. I'm asking you as the Executive Committee to weigh in with a yes or no.**

If we choose to participate, I'm actually on vacation out of state and can't attend in person. We would need someone from the Board to attend.

Please let me know ASAP.

Thanks, Andy

**o All Sheriffs & Chief Deputies:**

As we all are aware LE continues to be under attack from all angles and sorry to say that this now includes the Lt Governor of the State of Minnesota. The latest attack from the Lt Governor simply constitutes a lie or incompetence and needs to be addressed and highlighted for all Minnesota LE officers who are working tirelessly to preserve the public's safety. Here are the facts:

- 1) The State of ND, Morton County have been embroiled in a pipeline protest dispute.
- 2) The appropriate courts in ND have rendered a number of judicial decisions for construction specifications.
- 3) ND LE has experienced a number of protests that in many cases have resulted in criminal behavior violations of State Statutes, violations of court orders and this criminal behavior poses an increasing threat to community public safety.
- 4) ND Sheriffs have requested assistance from other LE/Sheriffs Offices to assist maintain public safety order.
- 5) ND Cass County Sheriff Paul Laney had requested assistance from MN Sheriffs and both Sheriff Stanek and myself personally advised Sheriff Laney the any request for MN LE Assistance would have to be made thru the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).
- 6) This official request must be sent from the Governor's Office in ND to the Governor's Office in MN. Under MS12.27 and MS192.89 such request was submitted and MN DPS is the implementation agency charged with preparing an inventory of responding resources, cost analysis, etc and this summary is sent to ND for their review and approval of resources and agreeing to reimburse MN for the cost of deployment for these resources.
- 7) It should also be noted that MN DPS prepares an Interagency Agreement between, ND, MN, and any responding local units of government, in this case Hennepin, Anoka and Washington County Sheriffs Offices. In this case all parties came to agreement and a specified period of time was designated for deployment and return of these requested resources. Once this agreement is signed, this becomes a State to State agreement and the local resources assigned are in essence MN assets being sent to ND and become ND assets for deployment to the local emergency.

- 8) It should be noted that I Personally spoke with Joe Kelly the DPS-HSEM Director and also Joe Newberger regarding this projected deployment and were assured that the appropriate request and necessary paperwork to authorize deployment was obtained and or in the process of being completed prior to any deployment. DPS-HSEM did exactly as they should have and implemented the EMAC process correctly which was signed by all parties on Oct 21st. The deployment was implemented on Sunday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> with a return date of Wednesday Nov 2nd.
- 9) I personally did not have any communication regarding this matter until Thursday night Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at which time I was advised that the LT Governor or some person had made the follow post to her Facebook page:
  - a. **Tina Smith**
  - b. [October 27 at 9:08pm · Minneapolis ·](#)
  - c. I do not support Sheriff Stanek's decision to send his deputies to North Dakota, **nor did we approve his decision to begin with.** I do not have any control over the Sheriff's actions, which I think were wrong, and I believe he should bring his deputies home, if he hasn't already. I strongly support the rights of all people to peacefully protest, including, tonight, the Standing Rock protest.
- 10) This Statement is simply NOT TRUE, and also implies that all of LE, DPS-HSEM had not followed the correct procedures for activation of these public safety resources.
- 11) It is also clear that this post on or by the Lt. Governor also clearly demonstrates her support for criminal behavior and is willing to jeopardize the communities public safety in ND for what appears to be political reasons associated with the Governor's Office Politics in this State.
- 12) On Oct 28<sup>th</sup> a large group of protesters gathered at the HC Govt Center to protest the deployment of MN LE resources to ND. I was also made aware of a protest at HCSO on Tuesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. See link below for new report dated October 29<sup>th</sup>
- 13) <http://patch.com/minnesota/minneapolis/hennepin-county-sheriffs-office-blasts-lt-gov-tina-smith-over-dakota-access>
- 14) Additionally On Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Sheriff Stanek received a copy of a letter on Stationary form the MN House of Representatives and Minnesota Senate with the names of 15 House and 2 Senate Democrats. (See attachment above)
- 15) If you look at item #1 in that letter your will see the allegation that Sheriff Stanek made the sole decision to send resources to ND. It should be noted that the Sheriffs who did offer to send resources did so only after the Governor's office through the EMAC and MS12.27 did accepted the ND request and then request local resources to fill the ND request for resources. It should also be noted that Commissioner Dohman did advise me that the State Patrol and at least 2 other large LE agencies had determined they could not send resources to support this ND request.
- 16) These actions and errant communications have now translated into threats of violence including LE officers
- 17) What is clear to me as a LE officer, each of us has taken an Oath of our Office to uphold the "rule of law" in our respective communities, states and federal throughout this country.
- 18) I have personally spoken with Commission Dohnman to facilitate a meeting with the Governor's office in an attempt to resolve these troubling and inaccurate statements

that are now being exported to our Legislature. That request is pending as I write this update.

- 19) These actions of the Lt Governor have serious implications for public safety and may impact future request and deployment of resources responding from or to the State of Minnesota.
- 20) It should also be noted that in the EMAC agreements, all parties who are signatory to this document agree that the State of MN is the single point of public information and release of information. The three county Sheriffs who have responded to this EMAC request in essence must be careful in any publicly comment. The fact of the matter is the State of ND will reimburse the State of MN for the resources deployed and the State of MN has an obligation to reimburse the sending agencies their expenses as originally outlined at the time the request was approved and the interagency agreement implemented. Hence, as any reasonable person can see, there is no cost the local tax payers in the sending counties or the State of MN.
- 21) As Sheriffs and LE officers it is imperative that we operate under the "rule of law", honor the oath of office we took when hired or sworn in as an elected official. I personally suggest there are four personal characteristics we must deploy daily. They are; Truth-Integrity-Respect-Responsibility.
- 22) If you have any questions or wish any additional information please feel free to contact me directly. If may share this document with other persons you deem appropriate. Thank you.....

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